

the proposed entertainment would be a violation of the gambling law — The warning did not prevent a great crowd from gathering. When the action of the police was announced most of the prospective players went home but a good many remained to hold an impromptu indignation meeting. The news spread rapidly and there was a great stir in local church and charitable circles over the ruling of the police.

It is a pitiable sight indeed that a church society, under the cloak and in the name of charity, should so far overstep its lawful limits, and so entirely forget its dignity as to invoke the interference of the civil law. If Christ were here today, in many a church there would be another cleansing of the temple, a driving out of those who have made the house of prayer a gambling den. When a church enters into league with the world in a game of progressive euchre and a gambling scheme to make money for the poor or to carry on the Lord's work, it is not likely that satan will interfere, for an attempt on the part of his majesty to improve on a scheme for his own interests would "spoil the job." It is a sign that augurs evil when the line of demarkation between the church and the world is so thoroughly obliterated as to make it impossible to recognize where a man belongs. It is safe to say that those churches in Washington City which have been raising money for the poor thru progressive euchre have not been enjoying any special seasons of revival and refreshing from the Lord in the conversion of lost souls. Probably if one were to trace the history of that Washington gambling fair and progressive euchre party which ended in its dispersion by the police force he would find its beginning in the very "harmless" church festival. Herein is a moral.

The Unction of the Sick

In a recent issue of the Living Church, a religious paper published under the auspices of the Episcopalian people, appeared an editorial on "Prayers for the Sick," in which the Editor strongly urges the importance of obedience to the command of the Lord as given thru his servant the apostle James. A worthy contributor to that paper has written the editor thanking him for the timely admonition in reference to the use of this means of grace so much neglected by many of the churches of today, and among other things says: "I wish that the prayers for the sick, with the anointing with oil by the elders of the church had been brought out publicly years ago. Indeed as you well say, the subject never should have been neglected. But in the hope that your article will awaken a good many of us to our duty, I beg the privilege of sending you a copy of a 'Benediction of Oil for the Anointing of the Sick, together with a Prayer of Benediction in the anointing of the Sick, taken from an English Liturgy.' The Editor then quotes in full the Benediction, which we herewith submit. Besides proving helpful to our brethren in the ministry, it may also prove a means of strengthening to those whose attitude in relation to the subject is one of indifference. The "Tunker" fraternity is not alone in the practice of this divine injunction of the apostle in behalf of the sick. In the earlier days of the Christian church believers in Christ availed themselves of

this means of grace, and today several very important branches of the church are not unmindful of the blessing that comes to the afflicted who in true faith and sincerity of heart receive the anointing with oil in the name of the triune God.

THE BENEDICTION OF THE OIL

The Elder placing his hand on the vessel of Oil shall say:

O Thou who didst send forth thine only begotten Son to heal all manner of sicknesses, and all manner of diseases, both of soul and body, and hast received him again unto thine own right hand, where he maketh intercession for us; send down thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, and bless this oil to the mystical healing, thru thy divine power, of the body and of the soul of this thy Servant: that he, being anointed therewith in pursuance of thine ordinance, may be saved from his present plague and affliction, and may receive remission of all his sins, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified thru faith. Hear us for the sake of thy dear Son, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Elders present shall anoint the sick person with the Oil on the head or forehead, and, if the sick person request it, also on any part affected, and the Senior Elder shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we anoint thee with this blessed Oil; beseeching the mercy of our Lord God, that all pain, infirmity, and sickness may be expelled from the body, and that thy soul may be delivered from all corruption and power of sin.

Then the Elders shall lay their hands on the sick person, and the Senior Elder shall continue:

God Almighty, who by his Son Jesus Christ healeth our sicknesses and forgiveth all our sins; have mercy upon thee, grant unto thee forgiveness of all thy sins, heal thee and deliver thee from all infirmity of body and mind, and quicken thee thru the grace of his Christ. Amen.

Then the other Priests present shall also lay their hands on the sick person's head, and shall say:

Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, grant unto thee, thru his holy anointing, and, in answer to our prayers, to be purified and strengthened by the Holy Ghost in soul and spirit, and to be restored to perfect soundness in thy body. Amen.

For Our Little People

Sometimes it takes a great deal of courage to do just what we think or know is right. When Jesus gets into our hearts we love to tell others about him, but that may mean persecution. A Chinese convert wished to go to another part of the country to tell the people about Jesus. His friend said, "If you go they will kill you." He said, "I must go; they need the gospel." He went, and was beaten with two thousand stripes. When brought back to the mission nearly dead, he said to the missionary, with a smile, "Teacher, this poor body is in great pain, but my inside has great peace; if I get well, you'll let me go preach to them again, won't you?" The boy got well, and went back to the people who had hurt him, and many were converted. That boy had the love of God in his heart because he allowed Jesus to come into it. Did you ever feel as tho you would like to tell others the wonderful story of Jesus, how he saved your soul, how he came into your home and made mamma and papa happy, and how he has given great peace to your "inside?"

There are people who have a great deal more reverence for the Bible than they have Bible in their own hearts. Professed reverence for the Bible by those who scarcely ever read it, nor follow its teachings nor heed its counsels and warnings is superstition.